



1 HARRY S. TRUMAN PARKWAY  
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

**Steve Schuh, County Executive**  
**Rick Anthony, Director**

September 10, 2015

Ms. Margaret Lashar  
Regional Administrator, Program Open Space  
Department of Natural Resources  
Tawes State Office Bldg.  
580 Taylor Ave.  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Anne Arundel County  
FY2016 Program Open Space Annual Program

Dear Ms. Lashar,

Enclosed is Anne Arundel County's Fiscal Year 2016 Program Open Space Annual Program, which provides a description of park acquisition and development grant requests that will be submitted during fiscal year 2016. The projects listed in the Annual Program are consistent with the 2013 Anne Arundel County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, the County's General Development Plan and Planning Act of 1992 as detailed within the project descriptions.

This year's Annual Program includes land acquisition projects totaling \$788,000 and park development projects totaling \$1,637,000.

Anne Arundel County extends its appreciation to the Department of Natural Resources for the continued support of our land preservation and park development efforts. Program Open Space is essential to the expansion of our park system as we strive to accommodate the needs of Anne Arundel County residents.

If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact our Department at 410-222-7317 extension 3528. Your review and endorsement of our Program will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Rick Anthony  
Director

RA:KMA:tw  
Enclosures

**Anne Arundel County  
Program Open Space  
Fiscal Year 2016  
Annual Program  
September 8, 2015**

**Introduction**

Anne Arundel County hereby submits the fiscal year 2016 Annual Program for continued participation in the grant funding provided by Program Open Space. The project selection process in Anne Arundel County is based on the following criteria:

- The need for parkland and recreation facilities in growth areas
- Additions to existing parks and natural areas
- Protection of sensitive natural resources and wildlife habitat
- Protection of Green Infrastructure and identified Greenways
- Compliance with the Planning Act of 1992
- Compliance with the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan
- Compliance with the Anne Arundel County General Development Plan
- Address recommendations in the 16 Small Area Plans
- Distribute funds to benefit all communities, County-wide

Below are the projects included in this Annual Program. The required Acquisition and Development forms, as well as, the detailed descriptions and maps are attached.

**Land Acquisition Projects**

<b><u>Project Name</u></b>	<b><u>State Share</u></b>
Broadneck Peninsula Trail – Decker Property	288,500
Southgate Old Mill Park – Crowe Property	<u>499,500</u>
Total	\$ 788,000

**Park Development Projects**

<b><u>Project Name</u></b>	<b><u>State Share</u></b>
Andover Park Field House Addition	\$ 151,000
Sawmill Creek Park Field Lighting	\$ 379,000
South Shore Trail Development – Phase II	\$ 700,000
WB & A Trail Parking Lot	<u>\$ 407,000</u>
Total	\$1,637,000

**Land Acquisition Projects**

**Broadneck Peninsula Trail – Decker Property**

**\$288,500**

**Project Description:**

This project proposes the acquisition of 4.2184 acres of land to accommodate a portion of the Broadneck Peninsula Trail and related storm water management and safety enhancements. This property is necessary to obtain clear title to a portion of the recently constructed Phase I of the Trail from Green Holly Drive to Cape St Claire Road on the north side of College Parkway. In addition to the trail right of way, this purchase will avoid potential residential impacts to the trail, and potential impacts to a sensitive stream that crosses the property. The Broadneck Peninsula Trail will ultimately extend from the B&A Trail at MD Route 2, to Sandy Point State Park, a distance of 9 miles. Hiker-biker trails continue to be one of the most desired recreation facilities based on local, state and national survey data.

Phase I of the Broadneck Peninsula Trail is identified as a short range objective on page 26 of the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. It is also consistent with the recreation goals and objectives outlined in the 2009 General Development Plan. It is also consistent with the State Planning Visions by providing: quality of life enhancements, sustainability, directing funds to growth areas, and resource conservation. It is also located in a designated Priority Funding Area.

The Broadneck Peninsula Trail has regional and national significance as part of the East Coast Greenway and the American Discovery Trail. It also will be a 9 mile extension of the popular B&A Trail offering connections to Anne Arundel Community College, State and County Parks, schools, churches, retail establishments and restaurants.

**Southgate Old Mill Park – Crowe Property**

**\$499,500**

This project proposes to acquire 2.55 acres of land which abut the 35 acre Southgate-Old Mill Park. This property will provide additional recreation and forest conservation area necessary for the re-development of this park. The future re-development of this park includes additional parking and athletic fields. The existing park includes tennis courts, basketball courts, and a playground.

The 2013 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan identifies a need to renovate and expand existing parks to meet the needs of County residents. The 2009 General Development Plan also directs the Department of Recreation and Parks to “improve and expand recreational opportunities so that all communities have sufficient access to facilities and programs”. This project is consistent with the State Planning Visions by providing: quality of life, sustainability, public participation, growth area focus, and resource conservation. This project is located in a designated “Priority Funding Area”.

This acquisition allows the County to make necessary improvements to Southgate-Old Mill Park to better serve the community. This project is in direct response to public



requests for additional parking at Southgate-Old Mill to avoid spill over into adjacent residential areas.

### **Park Development Projects**

#### **Andover Park Field House Addition**

**\$151,000**

##### **Project Description:**

This park consists of 34 acres of land at the intersection of Andover Road and Main Avenue. Anne Arundel County is seeking Program Open space assistance to add 1000 square feet to the existing Andover Park Field House. This addition will provide much needed storage and office space along with major upgrades to the concession area. The Andover Apache Football Association supports Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks by providing youth football programs to the residents of Linthicum and surrounding communities. There are 609 participants in the Andover Apache programs for ages 6 to 18. The concession upgrades and additional space for sports equipment and maintenance equipment are essential to the Andover program.

This project is consistent with the 2013 Land Preservation, Park and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) and the 2009 General Development Plan. The LPPRP, page III-29, identifies the need to rehabilitate parks and major park elements. This project and proposed POS funding have been endorsed by the Anne Arundel County Council as part of the County's FY2016 Capital Budget. The 2009 General Development Plan recommends that the County "improve and expand recreational opportunities so that all communities have sufficient access to facilities and programs". This project is also consistent with the State Planning Visions by exhibiting quality of life benefits, sustainability, public participation, state and local collaboration and smart growth. This project is located in a designated "Priority Funding Area".

#### **Sawmill Creek Park Field Lighting**

**\$379,000**

##### **Project Description:**

Sawmill Creek park is a 37 acre facility located on Dorsey Road in the Glen Burnie area of Anne Arundel County. The existing park includes five baseball fields, 2 basketball courts, 6 tennis courts and a playground. Program Open Space funding is being requested to install low spill and glare lighting on two regulation size baseball fields.

This project is consistent with the Glen Burnie Small Area Plan, the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan and the 2009 General Development Plan, all of which recommend recreation improvements in the Glen Burnie Area, an existing population center in northeast Anne Arundel County.

This project is also consistent with the State Planning Visions as follows:

- Provide facilities in existing population centers to prevent sprawl.
- State and local collaboration to maximize resources
- Direct funds to Priority Funding Areas



## **South Shore Trail Development – Phase II**

**\$700,000**

### **Project Description:**

This project proposes the design and construction of Phase II of the South Shore Trail extending two miles from Sappington Station Circle to Bonheur Drive along the northwest side of MD Route 175. This Trail will be ten feet wide and meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The historic South Shore line of the WB&A railroad provides an excellent opportunity for a pedestrian trail and Class One bikeway that will ultimately connect Odenton to Annapolis, a distance of 14 miles. The South Shore Trail has regional and national implications. Regionally, its northwest limit connects to the 4.12 mile WB&A Trail which runs from Odenton to the Piney Orchard community - the final leg of the WB&A Trail to the Patuxent River is currently under construction. At the River, Anne Arundel, Prince Georges County and the State Highway Administration will jointly design and construct a pedestrian bridge which hopefully will attract additional Transportation Enhancement funds. The connection to Prince Georges County is designated as one of the “Missing Links” in Maryland’s trail system elevating Anne Arundel County as a major contributor to the American Discovery Trail which extends from Delaware to California. The South Shore Trail is also a major component of the East Coast Greenway, which is a proposed National trail from Maine to Florida.

The South Shore Trail forms an integral element of Anne Arundel County’s vision for public trails and transportation corridors linking three designated Town Centers; Glen Burnie, Annapolis and Odenton. Beyond the County borders, these trails will ultimately link to other public trails in Baltimore, Howard, and Prince Georges Counties.

The South Shore Trail will provide numerous benefits to the community, including economic, tourism, recreational, historic, environmental, scenic and cultural. The South Shore and WB&A Trails are important components of the Smart Growth activity in Odenton and the Fort Meade BRAC communities. The success of the B&A Trail along the North Shore of the Severn River is a testament to the economic benefits of paved trails. When complete, the five phases of the South Shore Trail will also provide non-motorized access to schools, parks, libraries, local retail establishments and restaurants. This project is consistent with the Anne Arundel County General Plan, the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, the Anne Arundel County Greenways Master Plan, the Crownsville and Odenton Small Area Plan and the State Planning Visions as follows:

- Concentrate development in suitable areas to prevent sprawl.
- Protect sensitive areas by constructing this trail within existing right of ways.
- Enhance facilities in existing population centers to prevent sprawl.
- Conserve resources by locating the trail along existing cleared right of ways.
- The local economy benefits since trail users also patronize retail establishments and restaurants.
- Federal, State and local funding is in place to carry out this project.

**WB & A Trail Parking Lot****\$407,000****Project Description:**

This project proposes to construct a parking lot for the W B & A Trail consisting of 30 vehicular spaces and three ADA spaces. This parking lot will provide a convenient connection to the trail for residents in the Crofton and surrounding area. The WB&A Trail is currently 7 miles long extending from Odenton to the Patuxent River. Anne Arundel County, Prince Georges County and the State Highway Administration are in the process of securing a design consultant for a pedestrian bridge to connect the WB&A Trail with the Washington Baltimore & Annapolis (W B & A) Trail in Prince Georges County.

The proposed Patuxent Road parking lot will provide convenient access to this inter-County trail system. Hiker-Biker trails continue to be one of the most desired recreation facilities based on local, state and national survey data. This project is addressed on page 27 of the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan as a short range objective.

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION  
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

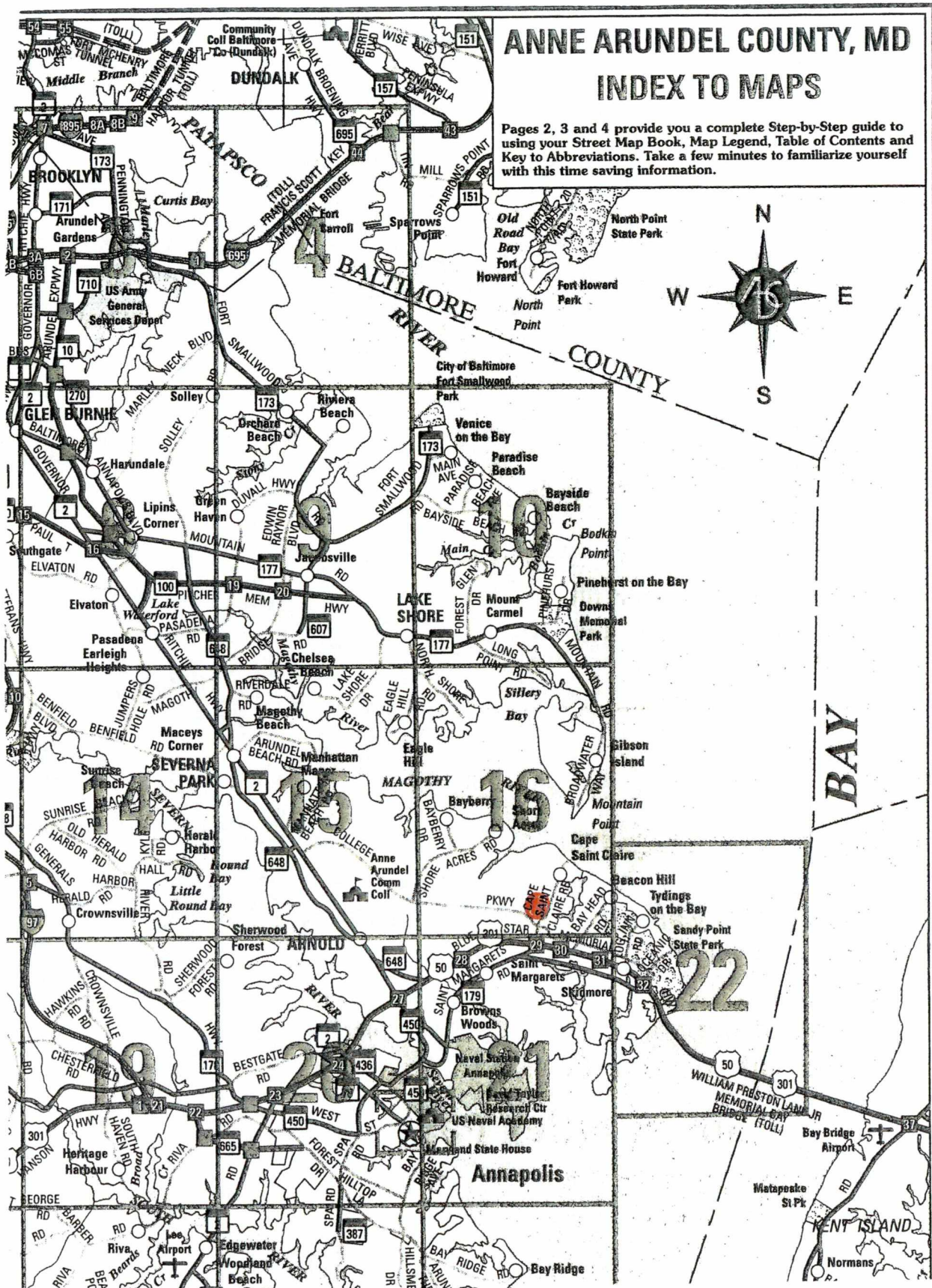
<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>			<u>Source of Funds for Annual Program Only</u>			
		<u>Existing</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>State (POS Local Funds)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
Anne Arundel County	Broadneck Peninsula Trail – Decker Property	33	37.2184	4.2184	288,500		288,500	-0-
Anne Arundel County	Southgate Old Mill – Crowe Property	35	37.55	2.55	499,500		499,500	-0-
	Totals	68	74.7684	6.7684	788,000		788,000	-0-



**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Source of Funds for Annual Program Only</u>			
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>State (POS Local Funds)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
Anne Arundel County	Andover Park Field House Addition	358,000	107,000	151,000	100,000 (State bond bill)
Anne Arundel County	Sawmill Creek Park Field Lighting	506,000	127,000	379,000	0
Anne Arundel County	South Shore Trail Development – Phase II	3,591,111	1,491,111	700,000	1,400,000
Anne Arundel County	WB & A Trail Parking Lot	543,000	136,000	407,000	-0-
	Totals	4,998,111	1,861,111	1,637,000	1,500,000

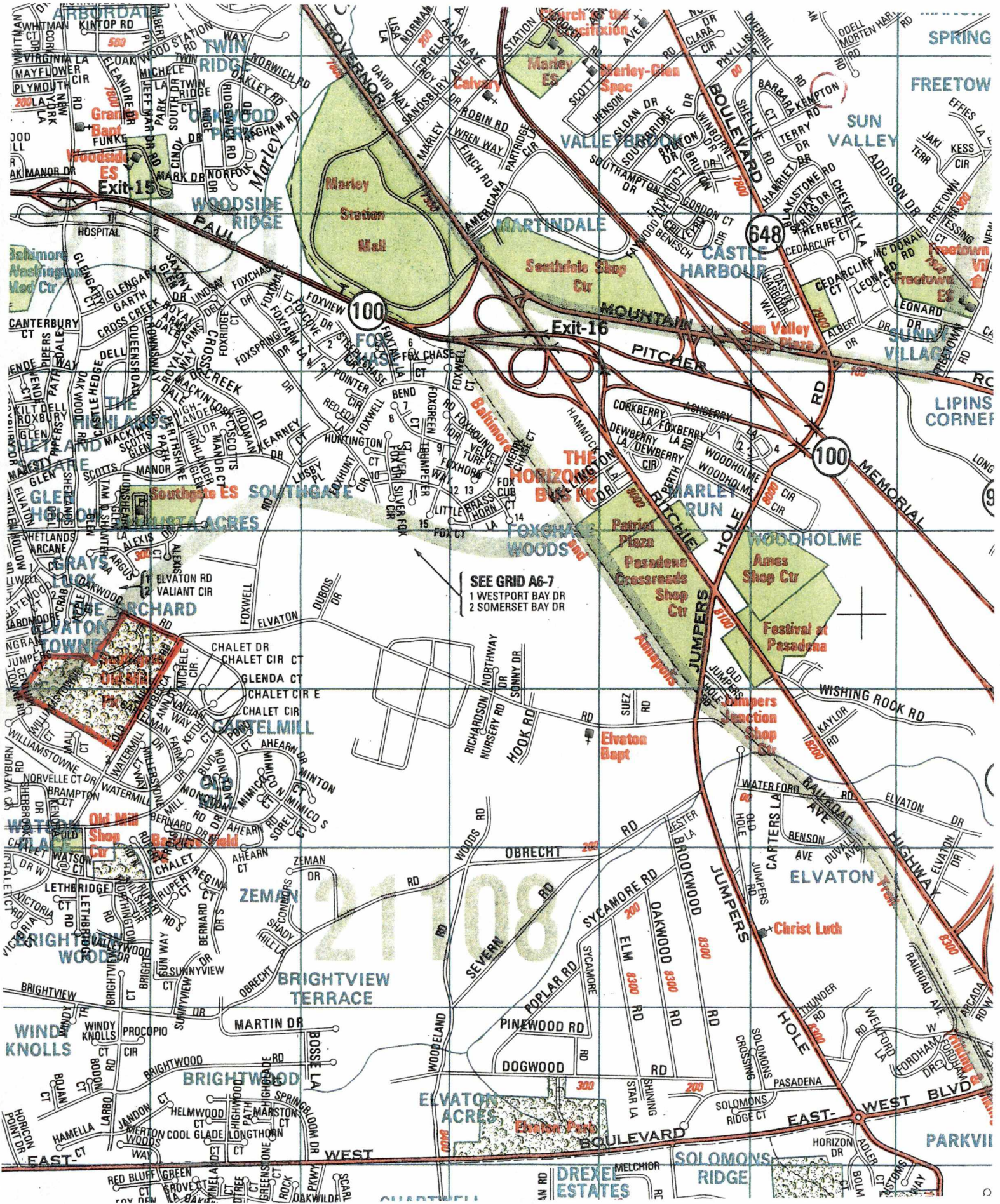
Program Open Space Grant Application  
Broadneck Peninsula Trail – Decker Property





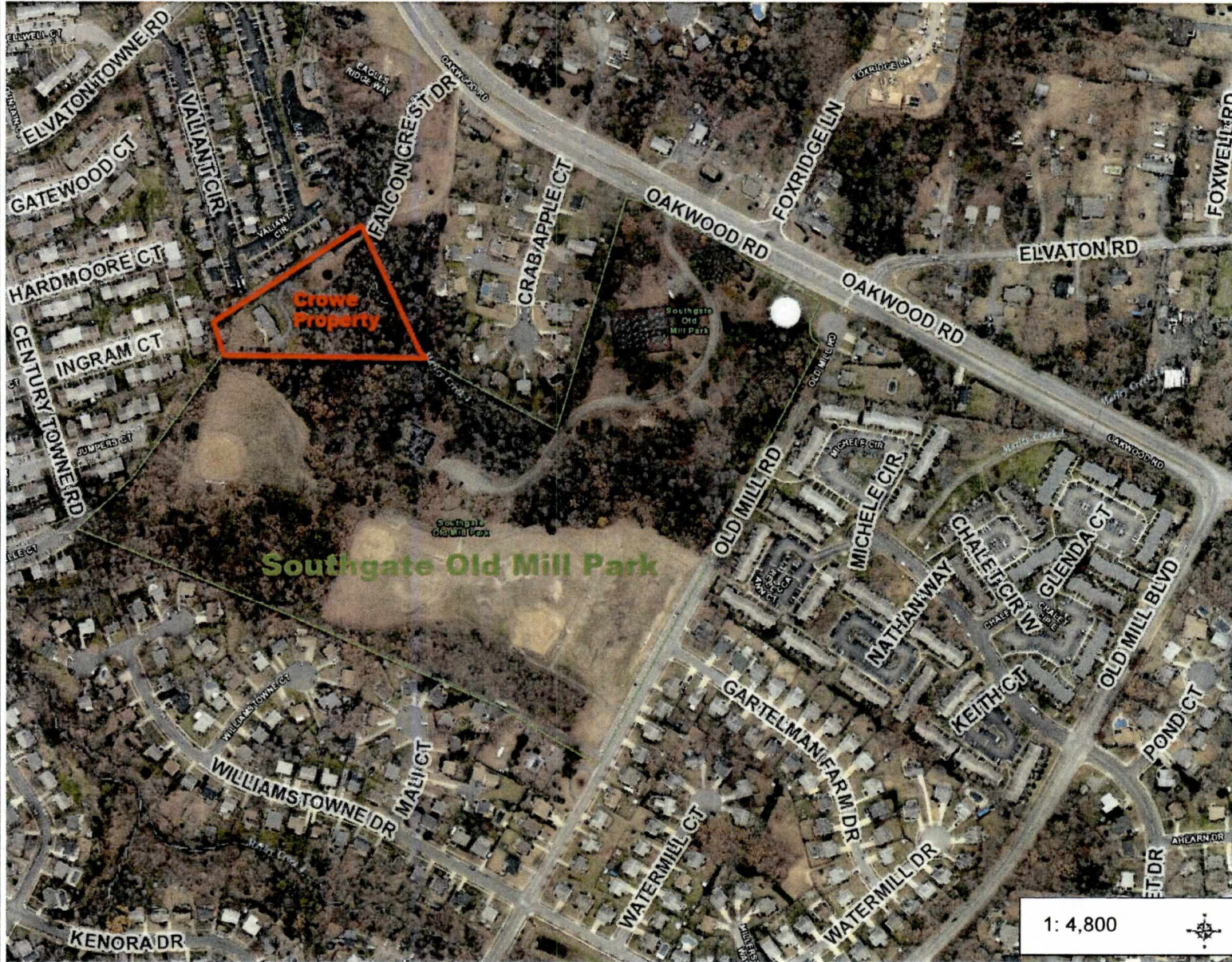








# Southgate Old Mill Park - Crowe Property



## Legend

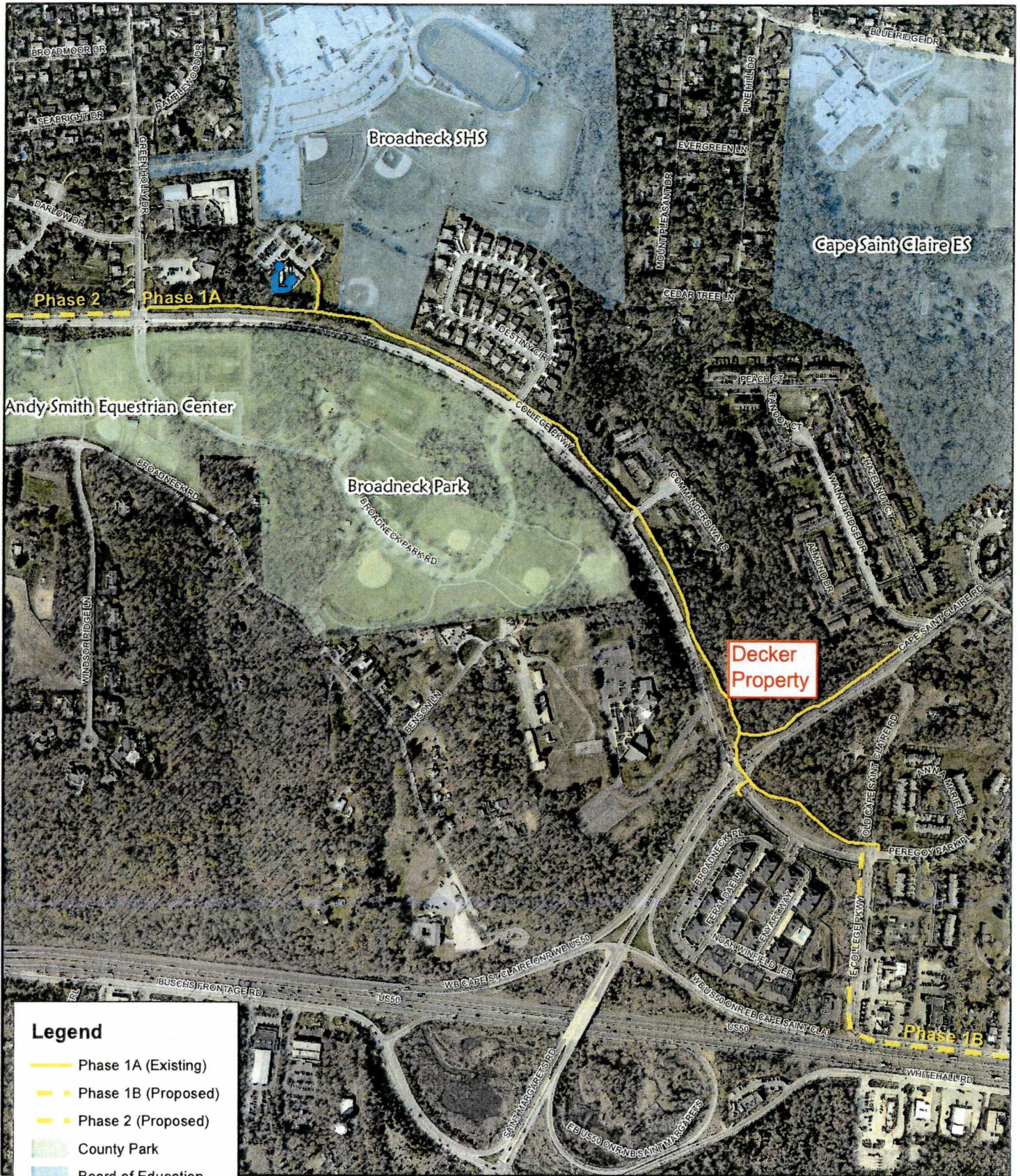
## Notes

8/31/2015




# BROADNECK PENINSULA TRAIL

## Phase IA Decker Property



### Legend

- Phase 1A (Existing)
- - - Phase 1B (Proposed)
- - - Phase 2 (Proposed)
- County Park
- Board of Education
-  Library

Phase 1A - Green Holly Drive to College Parkway East  
Main Segment - 0.92 mile/4,855 feet  
Spur to Library - 0.04 mile/208 feet  
Spur to Walnut Ridge Drive - 0.19 mile/1,022 feet



0 300 600 Feet

Prepared by Dawn Thomas  
Department of Recreation and Parks  
July 29, 2013



## Andover Park Field House Vicinity Map





**Andover Park**  
**603 Andover Road, Linthicum**

Andover Park Field House

Multipurpose Field A

Andover Road

Field 6

Field 5

Field 1

Field 2

Field 3

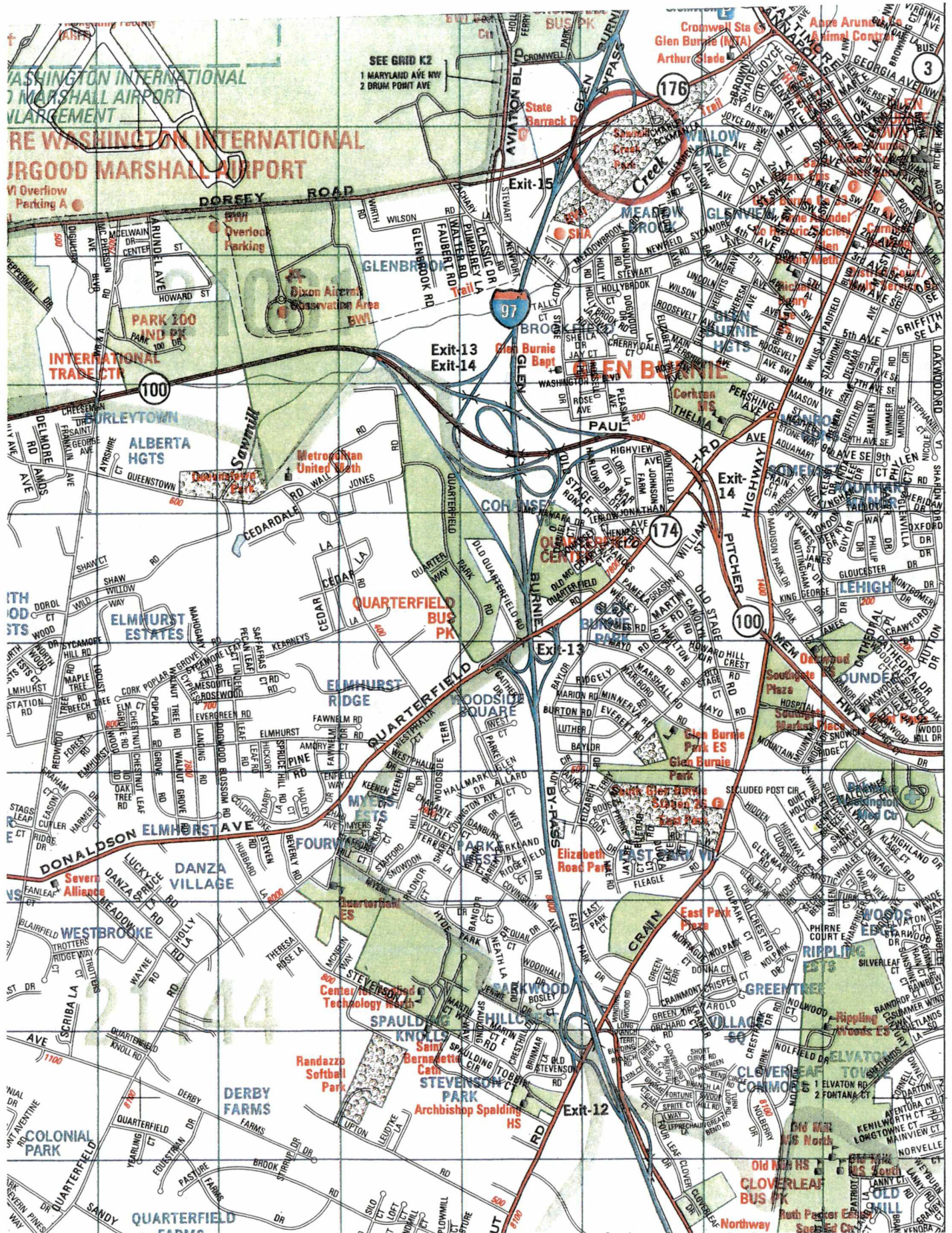
Field 4

Andover Equestrian Center



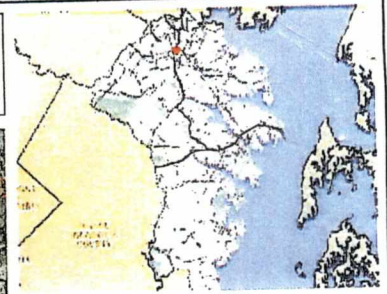


# Saw Mill Creek Park Field Lighting Vicinity Map



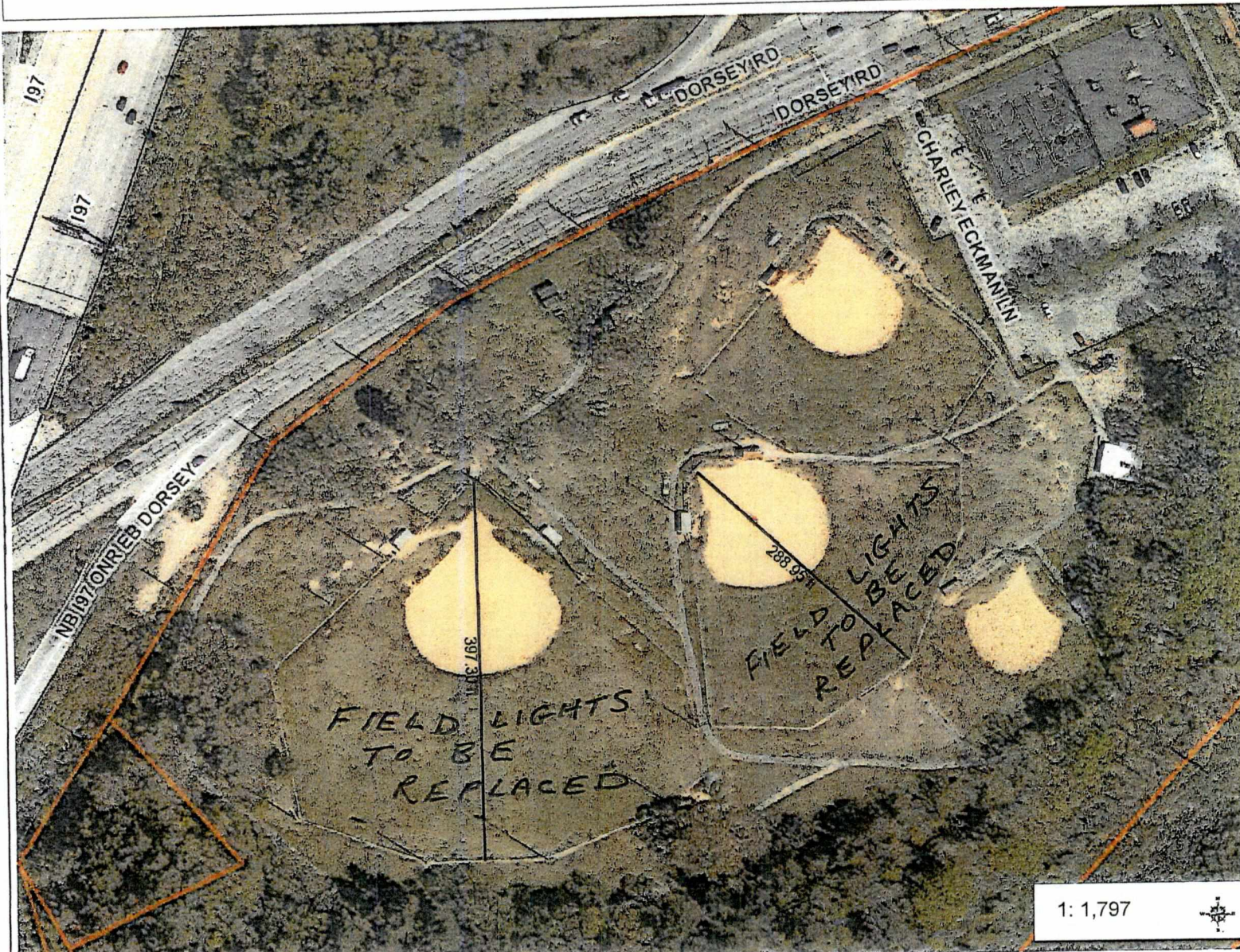


# Sawmill Creek Park - Lighting



## Legend

- OPZ Parcels
- Ortho Photography 2012



1: 1,797



299.6 0 149.78 299.6 Feet

NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_Maryland\_FIPS\_1900\_Feet  
© Latitude Geographics Group Ltd.

This map is a user generated static output from an Internet mapping site and is for reference only. Data layers that appear on this map may or may not be accurate, current, or otherwise reliable.

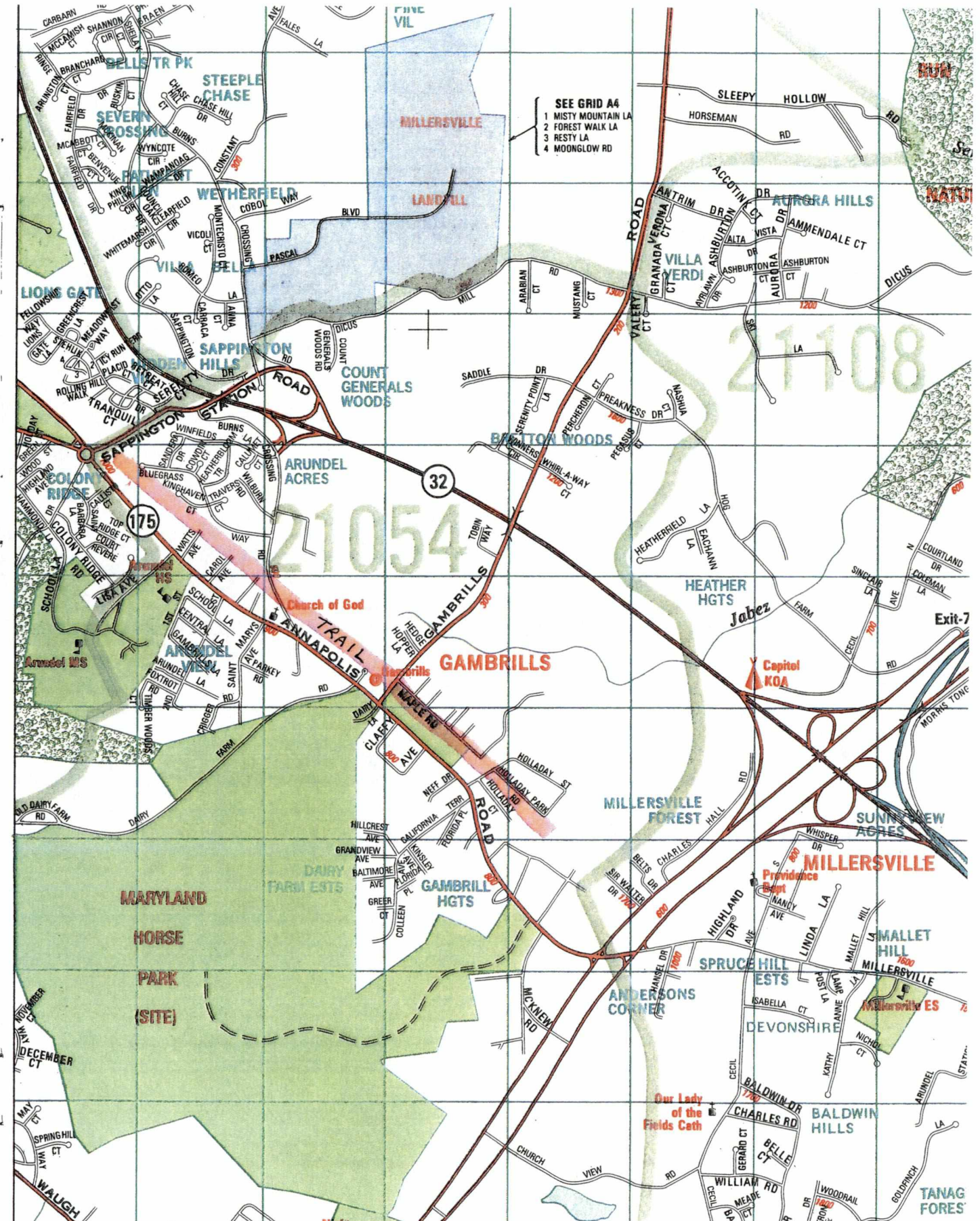
THIS MAP IS NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

## Notes

9/30/2013

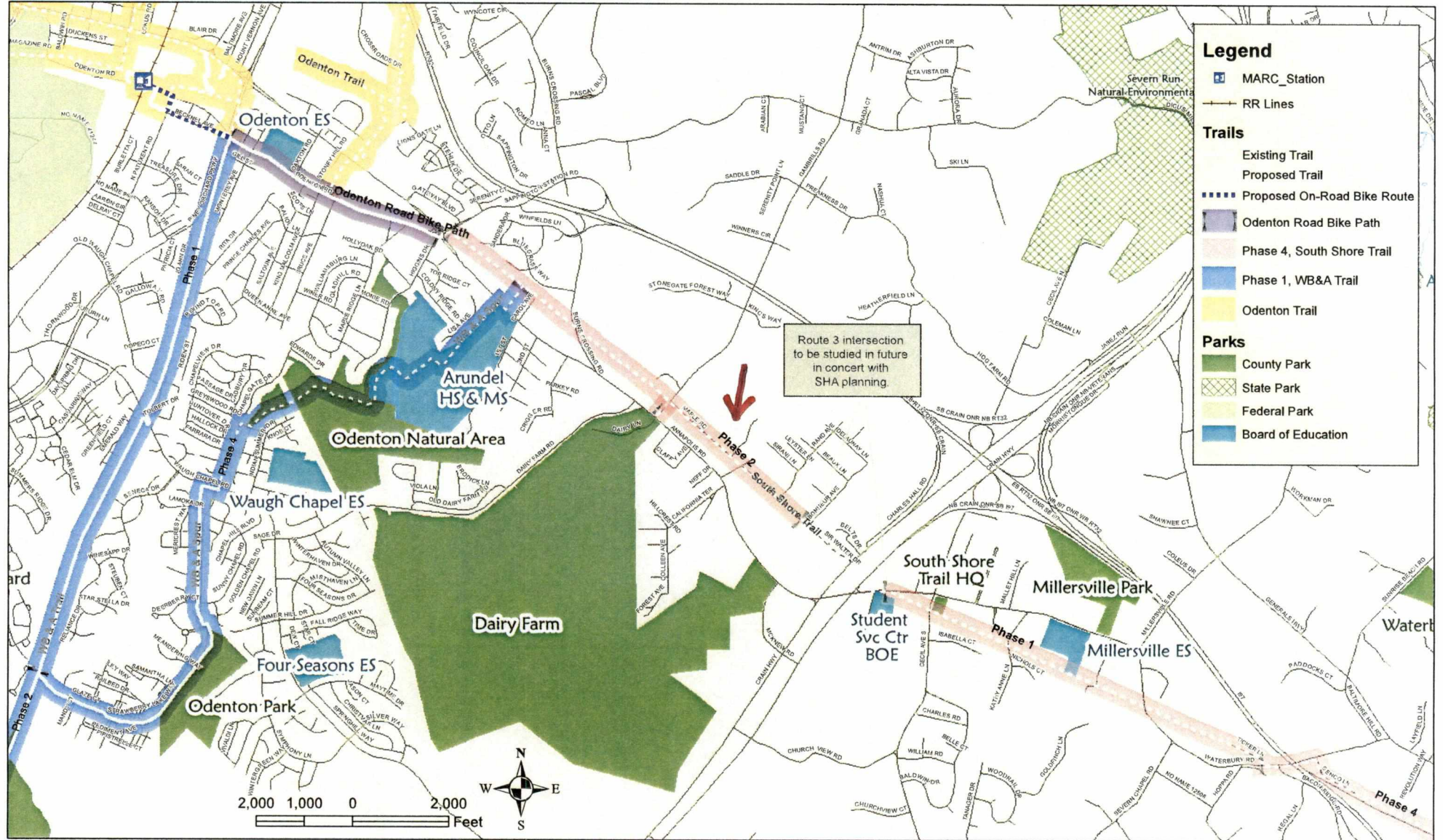


# South Shore Trail Phase II Vicinity Map



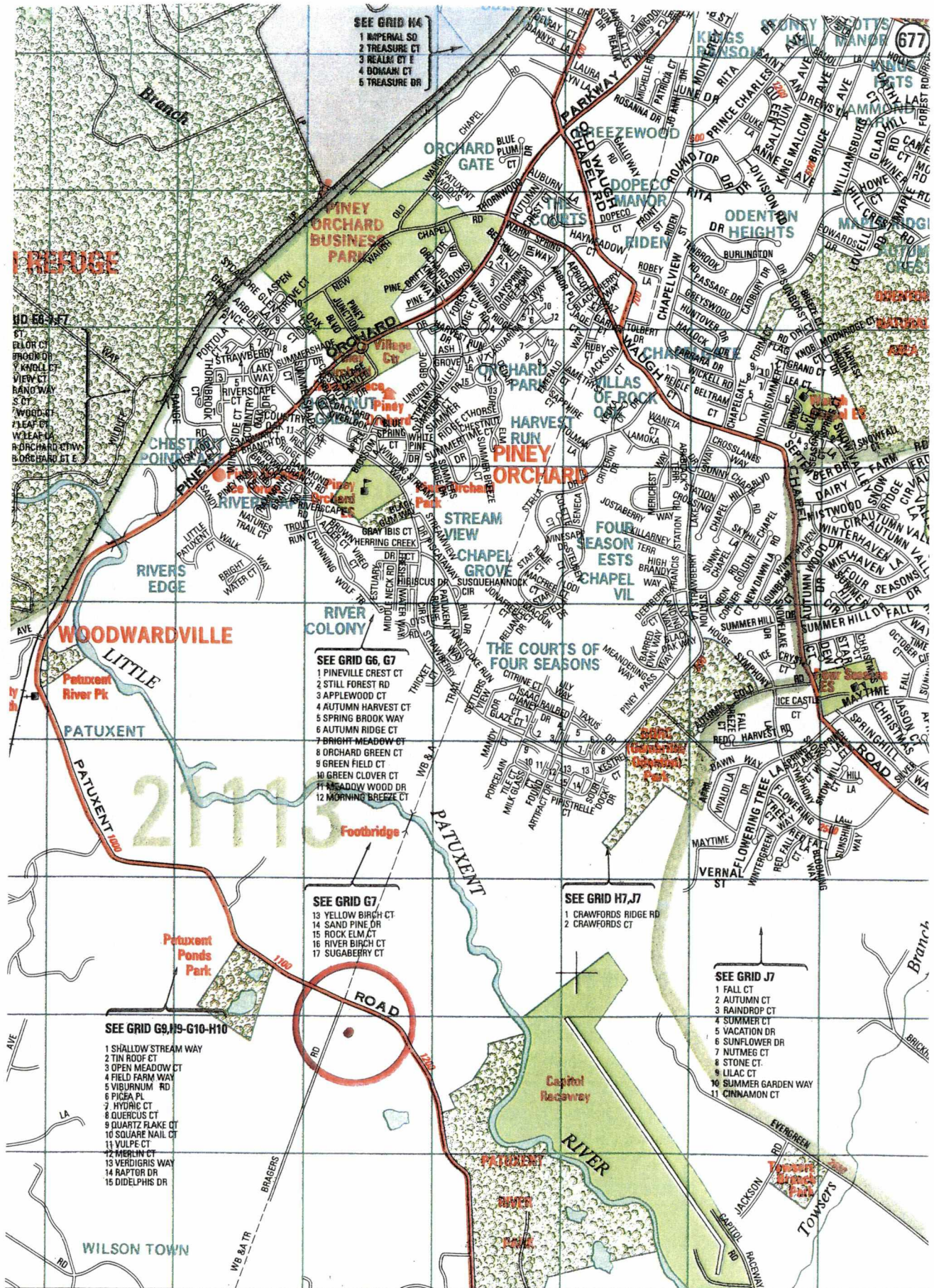


# South Shore Trail - Grant Support





# WB&A Trail Parking Lot Vicinity Map





Existing WB&A Trail and South Shore Trail (Odenton Road Bike Path)

